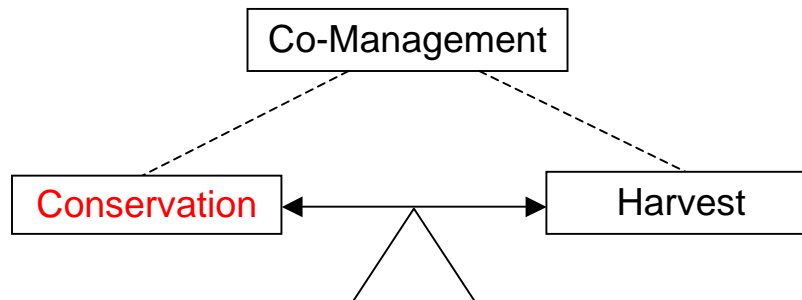


## "Turn Disadvantage Into Advantage"

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Three general components of WDFW mandate:



- \* Agreement on the Conservation focus - otherwise there won't be much to harvest or co-manage
  - > SCPAG and citizen groups have come forward with valuable and timely information and assistance
- \* Gradual acceptance of the concept of "Harvest" being replaced by "Fishing Opportunity"
  - > Need for better education (C&R mortality reduction)
  - > Need for better enforcement
- \* Co-managers are sharing their habitat expertise for the watersheds they operate in to help address the habitat issues being raised

Two Universal Constants regarding steelhead:

**#1: Steelhead don't fit**

**#2: And they don't stay put**

- \* This life history diversity strategy for survival strongly suggests that "salmon style" management may not be the most appropriate; and over-arching guidelines, though necessary for policy consistency where and when possible, will only go so far. Watershed or ecosystem-based approaches are required for *O. mykiss* evaluation and management.